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TO: Department of State
Attention: Mr. A. N. Abajian
Office of Investigations
Refugee Relief Program

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: BENZINGER, Josef

1. Reference is made to your NY memorandum IEP/Control No. Salzburg 13836, dated 21 February 1956, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.

2. The files of this office contain the following information concerning one Josef BENZINGER, who is probably identical with the subject of your request.

3. According to information compiled by SHAF during World War II, from sources of unknown reliability, Josef BENZINGER, born 27 May 1914, was an SS Bottenfuehrer der Reserve (Lance Corporal in the German SS Reserve). The information further indicated that BENZINGER was formerly in the Kommandanturstab K. L. Auschwitz II (Headquarters Staff of the Concentration Camp Auschwitz II.) This information was dated 31 December 1944.

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Encl. 1 name check

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